

HOUSE BILL No. 1138

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 21-12-6.

Synopsis: Twenty-first century scholars program. Provides that a student who attends a nonaccredited, nonpublic school is eligible for the twenty-first century scholarship if the student receives a score on the SAT or ACT test that is greater than or equal to a score necessary to be considered in the top seventy-fifth percentile of the SAT or ACT test scores of all students who were initially awarded a scholarship in the previous academic year.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning higher education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 21-12-6-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.281-2013,
2 SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 5. (a) To qualify to participate in the program, a
4 student must meet the following requirements:
5 (1) Be a resident of Indiana.
6 (2) Be:
7 (A) enrolled in grade 7 or 8 at a:
8 (i) public school; or
9 (ii) nonpublic school; ~~that is accredited either by the state~~
10 ~~board of education or by a national or regional accrediting~~
11 ~~agency whose accreditation is accepted as a school~~
12 ~~improvement plan under IC 20-31-4-2; or~~
13 (B) otherwise qualified under the rules of the commission that
14 are adopted under IC 21-18.5-4-9(2) to include students who
15 are in grades other than grade 8 as eligible students.
16 (3) Be a member of a household with an annual income of not



more than the amount required for the individual to qualify for free or reduced priced lunches under the national school lunch program, as determined for the immediately preceding taxable year for the household.

(4) Agree, in writing, together with the student's custodial parents or guardian, that the student will:

(A) graduate from a secondary school located in Indiana that meets the admission criteria of an eligible institution;

(B) not illegally use controlled substances (as defined in IC 35-48-1-9);

(C) not commit a crime or an infraction described in IC 9-30-5;

(D) not commit any other crime or delinquent act (as described in IC 31-37-1-2 or IC 31-37-2-2 through IC 31-37-2-5 (or IC 31-6-4-1(a)(1) through IC 31-6-4-1(a)(5) before their repeal));

(E) timely apply, when the eligible student is a senior in high school:

(i) for admission to an eligible institution; and

(ii) for any federal and state student financial assistance available to the eligible student to attend an eligible institution;

(F) achieve a cumulative grade point average upon graduation of:

(i) at least 2.0, if the student graduates from high school before July 1, 2014; and

(ii) at least 2.5, if the student graduates from high school after June 30, 2014;

on a 4.0 grading scale (or its equivalent if another grading scale is used) for courses taken during grades 9, 10, 11, and 12; and

(G) participate in an academic success program required under the rules adopted by the commission, if the student initially enrolls in high school after June 30, 2013.

(b) A student is also qualified to participate in the program if the student:

(1) before or during grade 7 or grade 8, is placed by or with the consent of the department of child services, by a court order, or by a child placing agency in:

(A) a foster family home;

(B) the home of a relative or other unlicensed caretaker;

(C) a child caring institution; or



- 1 (D) a group home;
- 2 (2) agrees in writing, together with the student's caseworker (as
- 3 defined in IC 31-9-2-11), to the conditions set forth in subsection
- 4 (a)(4); and
- 5 (3) except as provided in subdivision (2), otherwise meets the
- 6 requirements of subsection (a).
- 7 (c) The commission may require that an applicant apply
- 8 electronically to participate in the program using an online Internet
- 9 application on the commission's web site.
- 10 SECTION 2. IC 21-12-6-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.107-2012,
- 11 SECTION 23, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 12 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 6. (a) A student may apply to the commission for
- 13 a scholarship. To qualify for a scholarship, the student must meet the
- 14 following requirements:
- 15 (1) Be an eligible student who qualified to participate in the
- 16 program under section 5 of this chapter.
- 17 (2) Be a resident of Indiana.
- 18 (3) Be a graduate from a secondary school located in Indiana that
- 19 meets the admission criteria of an eligible institution and have
- 20 achieved a cumulative grade point average in high school of:
- 21 (A) at least 2.0 on a 4.0 grading scale, if the student is
- 22 expected to graduate from high school before July 1, 2014; and
- 23 (B) at least 2.5 on a 4.0 grading scale, if the student is
- 24 expected to graduate from high school after June 30, 2014.
- 25 (4) Have applied to attend and be accepted to attend as a full-time
- 26 student an eligible institution.
- 27 (5) Certify in writing that the student has:
- 28 (A) not illegally used controlled substances (as defined in
- 29 IC 35-48-1-9);
- 30 (B) not illegally consumed alcoholic beverages;
- 31 (C) not committed any other crime or a delinquent act (as
- 32 described in IC 31-37-1-2 or IC 31-37-2-2 through
- 33 IC 31-37-2-5 (or IC 31-6-4-1(a)(1) through IC 31-6-4-1(a)(5)
- 34 before their repeal));
- 35 (D) timely filed an application for other types of financial
- 36 assistance available to the student from the state or federal
- 37 government; and
- 38 (E) participated in an academic success program required
- 39 under the rules adopted by the commission.
- 40 (6) Submit to the commission all the information and evidence
- 41 required by the commission to determine eligibility as a
- 42 scholarship applicant.



(7) This subdivision applies only to applicants who initially enroll in the program under section 5 of this chapter or IC 21-12-6.5-2 after June 30, 2011. For purposes of this chapter, applicants who are enrolled in the program before July 1, 2011, will not have an income or financial resources test applied to them when they subsequently apply for a scholarship. Have a lack of financial resources reasonably available to the applicant, as defined by the commission, that, in the absence of an award under this chapter, would deter the scholarship applicant from completing the applicant's education at the approved postsecondary educational institution that the applicant has selected and that has accepted the applicant.

(8) This subdivision applies to a student who attends a nonaccredited, nonpublic high school. The student must receive a score on the:

(1) SAT test; or

(2) ACT test;

that is greater than or equal to a score necessary to be considered in the top seventy-fifth percentile of the SAT or ACT test scores achieved by all students who were initially awarded a scholarship under this chapter in the previous academic year.

~~(8)~~ **(9)** Meet any other minimum criteria established by the commission.

(b) Except for an individual described in subsection (a)(8), this section applies to an individual who graduates from high school after December 31, 2011. **This section applies to an individual described in subsection (a)(8) who graduates from high school after June 30, 2014.** To be eligible for a scholarship under this section, a student must initially attend the eligible institution described in subsection (a)(4) not later than the fall semester (or its equivalent, as determined by the commission) in the year immediately following the year in which the student graduates from high school.

